

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 141
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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Judge William Earl "Bill"
Boston of Lawrence County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Judge William Earl "Bill" Boston; and

WHEREAS, Judge Boston was an exemplary citizen and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Boston served with acumen and industry as an attorney and as a long-time City of Lawrenceburg Judge, in which positions he earned the respect of his peers and fellow citizens alike for the exemplary quality of his work and his unswerving dedication to justice and equity under the law; and

WHEREAS, though born in Florence, Alabama, Judge Boston lived seventy-two of his seventy-four years in Lawrenceburg, the town he loved; and

WHEREAS, he served his country in the United States Navy during World War II, afterwards returning home to earn his law degree from Cumberland University in 1946; and

WHEREAS, although serving for more than fifty years as a prominent trial lawyer and more than forty years as a respected city judge, Bill Boston still found time to devote his

services to a variety of civic, community, and professional organizations, both in Lawrenceburg and throughout Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, He was an advocate of strength for his professional clients and a mentor for those with whom he was associated in the practice of law; and

WHEREAS, Bill Boston was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Lawrenceburg; and

WHEREAS, he was deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Bill Boston was preceded in death by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. V. Boston, his older brother, George, and a son who died in infancy, Brad; and

WHEREAS, for forty-six years he enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Sue Benson Boston, until her untimely death in 1994; and

WHEREAS, he was the proud parent of Becky, Bob, and Ben, and he was absolutely devoted to his seven grandchildren, Brad, Addie, Kate, Caroline, Wyatt, Hallie, and Elizabeth; and

WHEREAS, he took great joy in the fact that his daughter, Becky, is an accomplished scientist with a Ph.D. and that both of his sons followed in his footsteps to become distinguished members of the bar, Ben practicing law with his father in Lawrenceburg and Bob in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, Judge Boston also leaves behind a loving sister, Betty Alexander, and a devoted and special friend, Frances Lumpkins; and

WHEREAS, Bill Boston enjoyed golfing, fishing, gardening, spending time with friends, and traveling; he spent a great deal of time during the Winter months at his "home away from home" in Florida; and

WHEREAS, a dear friend wrote of him, "His legacy of friendship and response to human need will be our most coveted and comforting remembrance of Bill Boston"; and

WHEREAS, to his legion of friends, he was always generous with his time, resources, support, and love, and he was always willing to lend a helping hand to those whom life had treated unkindly; and

WHEREAS, Judge Bill Boston leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional professional and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Judge William Earl "Bill" Boston, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character, his exemplary reputation as an attorney and jurist, and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Judge Bill Boston.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.